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canceled. 17. (new) The controller as recited in claim 10 wherein the display screen is capable of displaying an instruction to operate the active button.

18. (new) The controller as recited in claim 10 wherein the display screen is capable of displaying an instruction to operate the active button and wherein the instruction to operate the active button is accompanied by an acoustic signal.

REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment cancels original claims 1-9 and adds new claims 10-18. A translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report in the underlying PCT Application No. PCT/DE98/03780 is submitted herewith. The new claims do not add new matter to the application but do conform the claims to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules.

The amendments to the specification and abstract are to conform the specification and abstract to U.S. Patent and Trademark Office rules. It is respectfully submitted that the amendments to the specification and abstract do not introduce new matter into the application.

The underlying PCT application also includes an International Search Report, a copy of which is submitted herewith.

Conclusion

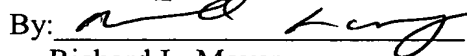
Consideration of the present application as amended is hereby respectfully requested.

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